

August 23, 2019

Via Electronic Filing

Chairman Comer H. "Randy" Randall
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Johnson Development Associates, Incorporated's Comments Regarding the Public Interviews for the Commission's Potential Independent Expert as Required by Act No. 62 of 2019.

Dear Chairman Randall:

On August 21, 2019, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") issued Order No. 2019-585 in Docket Nos. 2019-184-E, 2019-185-E, and 2019-186-E which requested that comments pertaining to the public interviews held for the selection of the statutorily required¹ independent third party expert be filed by August 23, 2019.

Similar to a letter filed on August 23, 2019, by the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), Johnson Development Associates, Incorporated ("JDA") does not have comments specific to any one candidate rather takes this opportunity to proffer comments on the process.

JDA thanks the Commission for the actions it took in rescinding the contract of the formerly retained consultant and reopening the search process. JDA also commends the Commission for going above the requirements of the Act by posting biographical information about each candidate, posting letters concerning conflicts of interest for each candidate, and generally conducting the retooled search process in a transparent manner. The confidence in the process of the parties and the public was furthered by having open hearings to interview each candidate. JDA recognizes the burden that this process put on the Commission and is appreciative of the time commitment each Commissioner put into this process. Finally, JDA specifically wishes to express its appreciation for the work of Jocelyn Boyd, the Commission's Chief Clerk, who worked diligently with Commission staff to facilitate this task in an expedited manner.

¹ SC Code Ann. § 58-41-20(I).

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JDA appreciates this invitation to provide comments on this process.

Very truly yours,

s/ James H. Goldin
James H. Goldin

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